



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Dear Readers,

It is with gratitude to Almighty God that I present this edition of the NCEC's Newsletter, highlighting the significant milestones achieved during the period from 1st April to 30th June 2026. This quarter has been marked by dedication, collaboration, and a renewed commitment to strengthening Catholic education throughout Pakistan.

Our educational mission extends far beyond the walls of our schools. As educators in the Church, we are entrusted with forming young people who are intellectually competent, morally upright, spiritually grounded, and committed to serving society with compassion and integrity. Every initiative undertaken by NCEC reflects this sacred responsibility.

During this period, we witnessed encouraging progress in leadership development, capacity building, educational innovation, and collaboration with our diocesan partners and international agencies. I express my sincere appreciation to all diocesan education offices, school leaders, teachers, religious congregations, and our development partners whose unwavering support continues to advance the mission of Catholic education in Pakistan.

At the same time, we remain mindful of the challenges confronting our education sector, including financial constraints and the changing landscape of development cooperation. These realities invite us to strengthen our stewardship, deepen our collaboration, and seek innovative pathways to sustain and expand our educational ministry. I am confident that, through our shared commitment and trust in God's providence, we will continue to respond faithfully to the educational needs of our communities.

As you read this newsletter, I hope you will be encouraged by the inspiring stories, achievements, and initiatives undertaken across the country. They are a testimony to the dedication and resilience of our Catholic educational community in nurturing future generations who will become responsible citizens, compassionate leaders, and faithful witnesses of the Gospel.

Let us continue working together to provide quality, inclusive, and values-based education that transforms lives and builds a more just, peaceful, and compassionate society.

May God bless you abundantly.

Asher Javaid

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20th April, 2026



FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

NCEC and NCJP Conduct Minority Women Leadership Workshop

National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in collaboration with the National Commission of Justice and Peace (NCJP), organized a three-day Minority Women Leadership Workshop from 14–16 May 2026 at the Renewal Centre, Lahore. The workshop brought together 39 participants, including Teacher Educators from CBE Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, and DBE Rawalpindi/Islamabad.

The program focused on strengthening women's leadership, civic engagement, digital literacy, advocacy, and conflict resolution skills. Sessions were facilitated by experienced resource persons, including Mr. Asher Javaid (CEO-NCEC), Mr. Naeem Yousaf Gill (ED-NCJP), Ms. Merab Arif, Mr. Samuel Jasber, Mr. Daud Gill, and Ms. Horab Arif.

A special session on the manual "My Voice Matters" was conducted by Mr. Saimon Robin, Education Officer, and Mr. Sabir Shaheen, Assistant Education Officer, NCEC, encouraging participants to explore practical ways of empowering young girls through education and leadership.

Throughout the workshop, participants actively engaged in discussions, group activities, and planning exercises aimed at promoting responsible citizenship, digital awareness, women's rights, and community leadership.

The training provided a valuable platform for sharing experiences and developing practical strategies that can be implemented in schools and local communities.



The workshop concluded with reflections, evaluation, and a renewed commitment by participants to foster leadership, empowerment, and positive social change among young women across their respective dioceses.



FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

Promoting Computational Thinking and Innovative Teaching Practices



On 21 April 2026, representatives of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) participated in the Teacher Training Event 2026, an online professional development session organized by Illumined Minds Pakistan. The training was led by Dr. Marios Omar Choudary, CEO of Illumined Minds Pakistan and a PhD graduate in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge.

NCEC was represented by Mr. Saimon Robin, Education Officer, and Mr. Sabir Shaheen, Assistant Education Officer, along with Teacher Educators from CBE Lahore, Karachi, Hyderabad, and DBE Rawalpindi/Islamabad.

The session focused on practical teaching strategies, computational thinking, and Bebras challenge-based learning. Participants engaged in interactive discussions and explored innovative approaches to enhance classroom teaching and learning.

The training proved to be highly informative and beneficial, providing valuable insights into modern educational practices and offering participants the opportunity to earn an international certificate. The event concluded successfully, leaving participants motivated to apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills in their respective educational settings



Post-Event Report

CAREER COUNSELLING PANEL DISCUSSION & HIGHER EDUCATION EXPO 2026



Empowering Youth Through Informed Academic Choices



19 June 2026



St. Anthony's High School, Lahore



EVENT OVERVIEW

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), under the leadership of Archbishop Khalid Rehmat OFM Cap, in collaboration with Saiban-e-Pakistan, Punjab Centre of Excellence on Countering Violent Extremism (PCECVE), Catholic Board of Education Lahore, Pontifical Mission Society Pakistan, Caritas Pakistan, and Catholic Youth Ministry, successfully organized the Career Counselling Panel Discussion & Higher Education Expo 2026 at St. Anthony's High School, Lahore.

The event brought together approximately 200 non-Muslim students, who actively participated in the panel discussions and visited university and institutional stalls. The programme aimed to guide students and young professionals in making informed academic and career choices.

AT A GLANCE



200+

Non-Muslim
Students Engaged



Universities &
Institutions
Participated



Empowering Youth
for a Successful
& Meaningful Future



KEY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Career Counselling Sessions
- ✓ Expert Panel Discussions
- ✓ Higher Education Awareness
- ✓ University Information Booths
- ✓ Guidance on Academic Pathways
- ✓ Networking with Professionals and Educators

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



IMPACT

The programme empowered participants with valuable knowledge, practical insights, and educational opportunities, encouraging them to pursue higher education and plan for successful and meaningful futures.

*“Invest in your future today
for a brighter tomorrow.”*



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SAIBAN-E-PAKISTAN /
PAKISTAN PEACE FORUM

FROM THE ACADEMICS DESK

**Advancing Christian Religious Education
NCEC and Diocesan Leaders Convene on
Masihi Taleem Syllabus Books and Curriculum**

On June 19, 2026, key Catholic educational stakeholders gathered at the Conference Hall of the Archbishop's House in Lahore for a strategic consultative meeting chaired by His Grace Archbishop Khalid Rehmat, focused on advancing religious education across Punjab. Represented by CEO Mr. Asher and Education Officer Mr. Saimon, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) joined leadership from the Archdiocese of Lahore, PECCTA, CBE Lahore, Dar-ul-Kalam, Catholic TV, and St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School.



The session centered on a keynote presentation by Mr. Danish Sarfraz of PECCTA regarding the official government framework and textbook drafts for Masihi Taleem. Attendees commended the drafting efforts and engaged in vital discussions surrounding curriculum compliance—covering content, methodology, and assessment—while highlighting private school autonomy under the "Core Plus" framework, alignment with state examination standards, and the pressing need for specialized teacher training modules to deliver the curriculum in truth and spirit.